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MR. CYRUS VANCE

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM LESOTHO'S FOREIGN
MINISTER, MR. CHARLES D. MOLAPO TO SECRETARY OF STATE DESIGNATE,
MR. CYRUS VANCE:

QTE: I WISH TO MOST HEARTILY CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR NEW
APPOINTMENT AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE. I AM, IN PARTICULAR,
LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH YOU. THE RECENTLY
CONCLUDED AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE, HOSTED BY LESOTHO,
REVEALED THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR CONSULTATION, COOPERATION AND
COLLABORATION BETWEEN AFRICA AND AMERICA IN ALL FIELDS.

I AM HOPEFUL THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION ON
THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHERE WE FIRMLY BELIEVE AMERICA
IS IN A POSITION TO BE AN INFLUENCE FOR RIGHTFUL CHANGE.

MY GOVERNMENT AND I ARE VERY PLEASED WITH YOUR APPOINTMENT. WE
FIRMLY BELIEVE YOUR STRONG BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE IN FOREIGN
AFFAIRS WILL ENABLE YOU TO SEE THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS IN A NEW AND
MORE BALANCED PERSPECTIVE. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD WITH HOPE
TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER, WHICH WE STRONGLY
BELIEVE IS IN THE POSITION TO ACHIEVE GREAT SUCCESS.

FINALLY, MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMI
Y

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. UNQTE.
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